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WASHINGTON, November 20, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 15 totaled an estimated 17.3 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 783.8 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 15 totaled 384,440, down 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 5.7 percent lower than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with metallic ores showing a decline of 2,914 cars (19.0 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 8 totaled 108,563 trailers and/or containers, 12.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 4,331,068 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/15/86

	Loadings in Week ended November 15, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,940	I	345	1.1	D	3,402	9.9
Other farm products	4,468	D	194	4.2	D	389	8.0
Metallic ores	12,454	D	2,914	19.0	D	4,218	25.3
Coal	110,386	I	736	0.7	D	8,716	7.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,920	D	762	5.6	D	1,565	10.8
Nonmetallic minerals	7,610	D	2,789	26.8	D	837	9.9
Grain mill products	11,469	I	920	8.7	I	199	1.8
Food and kindred products	11,394	I	325	2.9	D	454	3.8
Primary forest products	10,388	D	1,286	11.0	D	247	2.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,489	I	689	10.1	I	32	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,338	D	563	4.4	I	559	4.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,433	D	620	2.7	D	828	3.6
Petroleum products	4,256	D	129	2.9	D	14	0.3
Stone, clay and glass products	9,477	D	467	4.7	D	776	7.6
Coke	4,006	D	966	19.4	I	141	3.6
Metals and products	7,031	D	1,233	14.9	D	388	5.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,416	D	1,455	6.4	I	366	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,308	I	162	2.0	I	194	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,228	D	3,348	50.9	D	118	3.5
All other carloads	72,315	I	8,347	13.0	D	2,668	3.6
LCL traffic	114	D	75	39.7	I	3	2.7
Total Cars Loaded	384,440	D	5,277	1.4	D	23,126	5.7
Corresponding week of 1985	389,717						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	17,376,019	19,000,443	D 8.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 Weeks ended November 8	766.6	765.1	I 0.2
Week ended November 15	17.3	17.3	D 0.2
46 Weeks cumulative	783.8	782.3	I 0.2

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